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**RESPONSE UNDER C.F.R. § 1.116
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ART UNIT 1652**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Silke Hein, Brigitte Sohling, Gerhard Gottschalk, and Alexander Steinbuchel

Serial No.: 09/380,773

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Examiner: Y. Pak

For: "METHODS FOR BIOSYNTHESIS OF POLYESTERS"

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on September 23, 2003, and the phone interview with the Examiner on October 22, 2003, please review the following comments and amend the application as follows.

It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

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